Agent Oswald/Kerry Thornley:Motive HM 1/21/73 CONFIDENTIAL

Background: Thornley was deposed not by Liebeler but by Jenner, who took Thornley, I don't recall if accompanied by other lawyers, to lunch in the Methodist Bldg. cafeteria. According to Thornley they had a long talk. I presume there was some talk before from some of Thornley's private correspondence I have. He moved from N.O. to suburban Washington a week after the assassination, from the best job he'd ever held. When he located another, half of his salary went for rent. Of this move he said of the government,"They pissed down their leg", the inference being he terrified them.

The attached pages are from a once-classified meeting between some of the staff and members with three shrinks. I did not get it when I learned privately that it had been declassified because I didn't think it would likely be worth the cost. I learned of it from my investigations of the secret transcripts, from the bills of the court reporter. These are pages 7899 and 7900. After reading these two I stopped to copy, thinking it might might interest and perhaps trigger some thought that might disagree with or supplement mine.

Jenner was at this conference and participated actively. Here he is silent, in his area, his part in an area he shared with Liebeler.

I recall Liebeler's discussion of 1984 with Delgado. He spilled the beg and I used it in O in NO. Delgado called 1984 Oswald's favorite book and Liebeler told him it was an anti-Communist classic, which bewildered Delgado, who thought they thought LHO was red.

Assuming LHO was a federal agent, this version of what Thornley said, not, as I recall, in his testimony, provides ample motive, especially for anOswald, to become some kind of federal fink:

"Oswald had made up his mind that sooner or later the world was going to be dominated by super states, and that sooner or later you were going to have to get to like Big Brother, and you might just as well do it sooner as later, and that apparently the inference that I drew from Thornley's about this was that Oswald didn't have any objection to this."

The original I have is pale. If either of you wants to make this more legible, over-expose slightly. I neither wants to keep, please return for files I've indicated.

Thornley edited his testimony extensively. He reprinted it in his "book", editing further. His editing included Jenner's questions. I got the original transcript, typescript. I gave Gary Schooner a copy and he was having a word-for-word check made. Jim and I had started this but he took it over. He later professed to have lost it.

In time I may have to check again. If either recalls Thornley's testimony, I'd appreciate knowing if I am right in thinking that what Liebeler says is not in it. Thornley did testify that when he red-baited Oswald, Oswald got mad and never again spoke to him. He also testified that Oswald spent his last weeks prior to fraudulent discharge working in the post personnel intelligence office. He said that Oswald had to have had at least a secret security clearance, as did the commissioned officer who was boss and who said, I think, at least secret, implying what I learned from a former mate, that it was crypto and top-secret.

Regardless of the reason or reasons for Oswald's trip to Russia and what he may or may not have done, there is another conspicuous omission in all the files and allusions. Such well-knowns as Felix Greene (who told me in detail of it) were debriefed by the CIA on coming back. Everyone was in those days. But there seems to have been absolutely no interest in LHO. From the record, the CIA never saw or spoke to him. Exceptional!

Then Fain went to see Oswald in Fort Worth, refusing to go into the house, where Marina was, filing a strange report I also go into in O in NO, one that makes no sense if taken straight. I believe this is the time Oswald recognized Big Brother and decided sooner so far as the FBI is concerned. I have private information that he threw it all over in N.O. and that Monty's real purpose in Dallas was to get him to reconsider. Makes more sense than anything official.

Js, HM